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Prevention of alien smuggling

1. Add three new preambular paragraphs at the beginning of the preambular part, so that they become preambular paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, respectively:

"Recognizing that the complexity of present international migration trends is strongly influenced by the enormous social and economic development problems faced by developing countries, and aware of the fact that this situation brings about an increase of international migration leading to the phenomenon of illegal international migration,

"Concerned by the problem of illegal international migration and by all practices that unduly distort the normal development of international migration, thus adding to its complexity and, inter alia, endangering the lives, well-being and freedom of choice of migrants, taxing the resources of certain States or ignoring relevant international covenants,

"Convinced that all matters related to international migration, including illegal international migration, should be approached through cooperation among States at the bilateral and multilateral levels, as appropriate,"

2. Amend the ninth preambular paragraph to read:

"Reaffirming the respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States, including their right to control their own borders,"

3. Include new operative paragraphs 1 and 2:

"1. Takes note of the increase of international migration, including illegal international migration, and of its main underlying causes;

"2. Calls upon States to approach all matters related to international migration, including the reduction of illegal international migration, through cooperation at the bilateral and multilateral levels, as appropriate;"

4. Redraft current operative paragraph 1 as follows:

"3. Condemns the practice of alien smuggling and all practices that distort the normal development of international migration in violation of international and national law, and without regard for the safety and well-being and human rights of the migrants;"